

Banbury Town Council

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To: All Members of the Banbury Traffic Advisory Committee.

You are hereby requested to attend a Meeting of the **BANBURY TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE** to be held at The Town Hall, Bridge Street, BANBURY on **Wednesday, 27 November 2024** at 2.00pm, for the transaction of the following business:

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Mark Hassall
Town Clerk & RFO

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED

1. Apologies

- a. Contact Helen Durkin (01295 250340).

2. Declarations of Interest

- a. Members are asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda, **and the nature of that interest**, in accordance with the Localism Act 2011, the Banbury Town Council Code of Conduct and Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (Please refer to the notes at the end of Agenda).

3. Minutes of the last Meeting

- a. To approve as correct the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 28 August 2024 (**Enclosed**)

4. Oxfordshire County Council – Combined Report on Transport Policy/Strategy & Area Operations.

- a. To consider a combined report including transport policy and strategy updates, along with information on traffic updates and defects in the Banbury area. (**to follow**)

5. Items raised

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1. George street left turn filter light onto lower Cherwell street, this has been a problem for years, causing much aggression and needs addressing.
2. Bridge street / Cherwell street right turn road markings (arrows), is there any news on these being done?
3. Southam road resurfacing, is this on the agenda to be done?
4. Nursery drive/ Ruscote avenue wrong markings showing through, the road markings were paint incorrectly and were painted over, they are now showing again.
5. New roundabout on Bloxham road, when will road signs be erected?

Banbury Civic Society

1. Potholes -criteria for attention.
2. Street furniture repairs.
3. Pedestrian Crossing at A361 / Queensway / Springfield Rd - halo lights on globes.
4. Hidden direction sign at bottom of Windsor Street hill (Northbound)
5. Tramway scheme - timetable for works
 - a. Detailed drawings
 - b. Provision for pedestrian and cyclist access from the south and west.
 - c. Access to the east car park for commuters approaching from Cherwell Str. (Bridge Str / Merton Str signals)
 - d. Bus service re-routing to achieve a Mobility Hub?
6. Which highway schemes are scheduled for investigation for improvement using Sec 106 monies?
7. Cherwell Str - bus improvement scheme - current position.

Banbury Active Travel Supporters.

1. Update re traffic speeds and safety measures around St Mary's School (Southam Road), Harriers School (Bloxham Road) and Queensway School (on Queensway itself). This issue was raised at the OCC meeting re the 20mph speed limits on Sep 5th.
2. Update re improvements to the canal path from Station Road.
3. Improvements to the Bridge Street traffic signals to reduce confusion re right-turning traffic and reduce waiting times for pedestrians.

Cllr Rebecca Biegel – Banbury Town Council

New considerations

1. There is an increasing need for traffic lights at Hennef Way /Ermont/ Wildmere Road roundabout. Is this possible for consideration?
2. There are much needed improvements to pavements for people with pushchairs / mobility issues. Are there any schedules for specific pavement improvements around the town?
3. There are no easy crossing points to access the station from Hightown Road, (getting across Bankside for slower or mobility impaired walkers is a nightmare). Is this possible for consideration?
4. Are there any updates on ANPR in the town centre to stop traffic in pedestrian areas?
5. Are there any updates on parking restrictions to tackle HGV parking on Overthorpe Road near the industrial estate?
6. There are reported increases in HGV traffic along Southam Road towards town. Are there known issues?
7. There is a much-discussed need for a crossing on Bretch Hill near Bradley Arcade shops for pupils going to and from Orchard Fields Community primary. In the absence of a crossing is there any solution which could improve safety - eg signage and parking restrictions?
8. Several new bus stops are appearing on the Stagecoach app in Hardwick so are there further details with proposed dates for extension of bus services across the estate.
9. There is continued overcrowding and resulting service delays on buses used by school children at peak times. E.g. Service 500 to Middleton Cheney and 76 to Stratford. Are there plans to address these issues?
10. Major pothole problems in Hall Close near Bloor homes. Is there maintenance scheduled?

Rolling updates for existing items

OCC Officers were asked in the August meeting to provide a full written update on all of the following issues, and also on Lambs Close/Kildare Crescent, in preparation for the next meeting.

1. Progress with funding for the work informed by the survey of Dukes Meadow Drive to provide more crossing points.
2. Progress with the weight limit or no access to Wildmere Rd industrial estate signs at intersection of Middleton Road/Banbury Road
3. Update on lower Cherwell Street bus service improvement scheme
4. Updates on feasibility study for a one-way traffic scheme on Queens Road
5. Progress on twice yearly schedule for storm drain clearance across Banbury
6. Progress on possibility for 'restricted time' parking to be introduced on Overthorpe Road approaching the industrial estate.
7. Progress with analysis of parking on roads adjacent to Hightown Road

Oxfordshire County Council

Items raised at the previous meeting

- **Tramway**

We have been in talks with Network Rail regarding the plastic barriers on Station Approach bridge, they don't have plans to change this right now, but we continue to express that we would like a more attractive permanent solution to the barriers that align with the Tramway scheme.

- **Cherwell Street**

- a. The signalling for Cherwell Streeting in being reviewed between OCC and our design contractors including the SB right-turn lane on Concord Ave and moving the signage islands.
- b. If four-inch kerbs on Bridge St East are installed instead of the proposed layout, it would cause delays to traffic without the benefits to pedestrians. Removing the pedestrian island will provide more space on the carriageway.
- c. It was noted that the SB Concord Ave left-turn lane has capacity, this was reviewed, but having traffic heading straight on the Cherwell St using the left lane would cause queueing across the junction, due to a pinch point on Cherwell, as vehicles would need to merge into one lane straight after the junction.

- **Other items**

- a. Regarding the large HGV recovery vehicle parked on Bretch Hill opposite William Morris school; this has also been raised by Cllr Cherry also, our Traffic and Road Safety team have reviewed this, it should cost £3,840.00 to cover legal work, consultation and associated procedural / administrative functions. On top is the cost of lining and signing work, which can in many situations be extensive and expensive. Unfortunately, the County has no resources for this work as a County scheme but is able to pursue if external funding is made available. We work this way with local Towns and Parishes who wish to promote such restrictions.
- b. The onus is on them to propose a scheme which suits their local needs and then we can act in an advisory capacity and carry out the required legal aspects. All this can take anywhere from 6 month to a year. To introduce the restriction, we need to promote a Traffic Regulation Order, which will be adverted during a formal consultation. If no objections are received during the consultation, the Order can be brought into operation with lining and signs on the ground. If there are objections, these will be reported at the appropriate Committee where a decision will be made taking into account levels of support and objections.
- c. A scheme in such a location is likely to receive many objections from residents who, should the scheme be implemented, would be prevented from parking outside their homes. If this were the case the scheme would likely be rejected at the committee hearing. However, another option to consider is that the HGVs operator's licence is renewed periodically. There may be conditions on the operator's licence on where it's kept overnight so maybe this is something to

explore. We have raised this with Cllr Cherry who has contacted Thames Valley Police.

The proposals for the Hightown Road area went out to public consultation on the 31st October and it closed on the 22nd November. The plan is to take a report to our cabinet members decision meeting in December:

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- d. We have been in contact with the parking enforcement team regarding cars parked on the footway of Bridge Street West, outside the barbers. They replied in September stating that since April this year the following deployment has taken place in Bridge Street as a whole; 394 visits have been made resulting in 84 Penalty Charge Notices being issued. They have requested OCC's parking contractors, Trellint to pay attention to the particular area mentioned to ascertain the parking situation.
- e. There were concerns around town centre deliveries and allocations in Market Place, Parsons Street; there are dedicated loading bays on Market Place and deliveries can take place in Parsons Street so long as they adhere to the access restriction for the pedestrian zone. There are no projects to review loading this year. For clarity we have attached a plan of the restrictions in Banbury Town centre.
- f. The weight limit / no access signs to the industrial estate at the Southam Road j/w Beaumont, and funding for the work informed by the survey of Dukes Meadow Drive to provide more crossing point are being reviewed by the Traffic and Road Safety team.
- g. There is funding available for the bus stop clearway box at a marked bus stop on Rother Road to assist a passenger with mobility limitations, the next stage before installing the clearway box is a consultation with the residents which the Road Safety team are working on.
- h. There is on-going discussion and work through Banbury 2050 and other strategies that focus on accessibility to the town centre for visitors.

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Oxfordshire County Council Report on Transport Strategy & Area Operations

Transport Policy/Strategy Update

Tramway Road accessibility improvements

1. Construction started on the 21st October, which included closing the Tramway pedestrian access to the station while contaminated land is cleared and the new roundabout between Tramway Road and Station Approach is built. This will stay closed until May 2025. The construction programme ends in September 2025.
2. A public information event was carried out on 29/10/24, below are observations and feedback:
 - Although there were some concerns about the pedestrian diversion, due to abundance of cooperative advertisement, the pedestrian access on Tramway has not caused the level of concern anticipated. There hasn't been any non-compliance from pedestrians.
 - Concern about a lack pedestrian crossing on Swan Close and the Bankside junction in the current design, which was included in the previous public consultation.
 - Overall, the scheme has been well received by the public so far, most of questions about the scheme were on the future routing of buses through Tramway and expanding the scheme south to Swan Close and Bankside.

Cherwell Street bus service improvement scheme

3. CMD approval was obtained in October to progress into Preliminary and Detailed Design. The construction start date has been pushed back until May 2025 to coordinate with Tramway Improvement's Traffic Management which means the completion date would be the end of March 2026. DfT have approved this extension.

November – January 2025 – Preliminary design and highway simulation modelling

February 2025 – Engagement and Public Consultation

February – May 2025 – Detailed Design

May 2025 – Seek approval to construct

May – end of March 2026 – Construction period

LCWIP schemes

4. **Eastern active travel corridor** – a presentation on the concept design for this priority LCWIP route will be provided at the TAC meeting. Depending, on the level of funding allocated by the DfT, officers intend to put the scheme forward for capital funding through Active Travel Tranche 5 to complete the Feasibility Design. There will be more information from Active Travel England on funding in December.
5. **Western active travel corridor** – Capability & Ambition Funding (CAF) provides revenue support to enable authorities to develop schemes for future capital bids for schemes identified within LCWIPs. The current allocation of CAF funding has been secured to carry out concept design work (similar to what has been produced for the Eastern Active Travel Corridor). The project will commence in the New Year. Additional funding has been requested to undertake junction designs for Warwick Road and Bloxham Road.

Canal Towpath to Station Approach steps

6. The internal business case to release s106 funding to deliver steps from the canal towpath to the station forecourt has been approved. Officers are currently negotiating with the landowner.

Banbury town bus services

7. Bus stops have been installed on the A361 for Frontier Park (new employment site near M40 J11), they will be served by routes 200 and 500 (journeys via Chacombe). Officers are negotiating for the introduction of additional journeys to support shift working relevant to the development.

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6. Date of the next Meeting

Wednesday, 26 February 2025 at 2.00pm in the Town Hall.

Notes on declaration of interest

- (i) Any Member arriving after the start of the meeting is asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests as necessary as soon as practicable after their arrival even if the item in question has been considered;*
- (ii) In such circumstances, the Member must withdraw from the meeting room, and should inform the Chairman accordingly.*

It is not practical to offer detailed advice during the meeting.

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